[Indorsed, "The permissions granted "1

[December] [The Petition of Harry Dorsey Gough of Baltimore County, To his Excellency The Governor and the Honorable Council of Maryland.]

> Your Petitioner is seized and possessed of a considerable real and personal Estate of not less Value than eight thousand pounds Sterling, in the Kingdom of Great Britain that since the Commencement of the present War he hath had no Information or Intercourse with his Agents and Attorneys residing in Great Britain, in whose Case, were left the Receipt of his personal Estate and Collection of his Rents, but they were not vested with any Powers for the Disposal of his real Estate. That your Petitioner altho he has frequently wrote and pressed his Agents for an Account and State of his Affairs, hath not been able to get any Information from them, on the Subject, whereby he is procluded from Laying in his Claim on their property in Maryland, and being reimbursed for his personal Property in their Hands, and as to his real Estate, which constitutes the greatest Part of his Property in Great Britain he is destitute of any remedy for the Recovery of the same, unless your Excellency, and Honors should grant Permission that your Petitioner might send an Agent vested with proper Powers for that Purpose to sell and dispose of his real Property and transmit the Value thereof to America: and in order that a Power of Attorney should be authentically executed, your Petitioner is advised it will be necessary for him as well as the Person appointed to transact this Business should be permitted to go to New York to have the same executed and ratified by such Authority and in such manner as would be sufficient according to the Laws of Great Britain.

> Your Petitioner would therefore hope, that as he is attached as well by Principle as Habit to America and would wish to have all his Property in it, that no objection will be made to the present Application for Leave for himself and Agent to go to New York and also for his Agent to go to Great Britain to collect his Estate and remit it to America and on the contrary, if your Petitioner should be denied this Permission, he will run the risque of Loosing his whole Estate in that County.

[1781] Red Book No. 30 [List of Subscribers for the support of the barge Experiment]

Whereas the Enemy have fitted out a Number of small Vessels Letter 102 to ravage & plunder our Farms & Plantations which lie on the Water & have lately plundered many of our Countrymen and burnt & destroyed their Houses threatening the like Destruction wherever they shall be able to effect it with Security—And whereas from the present exhausted State of the public Treasury Government cannot immediately give that Protection to every Individual which is become necessary from the cruel & Savage Mode in which the War is now